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1. NEW IRANIAN AMBASSADOR DAVOUDI CALLED ON ME JANUARY 7. HE SAID THAT ONE OF HIS MISSIONS IS TO DO WHAT HE CAN TO IMPROVE PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH, IN VIEW OF RECENT FLAP OVER BHUTTO'S "INVITATION" TO DAOUD, A SUMMIT MEETING NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY, DAVOUDI HAS BEEN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF LOWER LEVEL MEETINGS WITH AFGHANS. HE AGREED IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT AFGHAN, MEANING THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH WOULD NOT BE THE BEST CHOICE FOR THE AFGHAN REPRESENTATIVE AT AN INITIAL MEETING.

2. REGARDING IRANIAN AID TO AFGHANISTAN, DAVOUDI SAID THAT THE IRANIANS ARE WAITING FOR THE AFGHANS TO TELL THEM WHICH PROJECTS THEY WANT TO HAVE FINANCED BY IRAN. HE IS ALSO CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME KIND OF CONCESSIONAL TERMS FOR THE SALE OF IRANIAN POL TO AFGHANISTAN BUT COMMENTED THAT THE IRANIANS COULD HARDLY CHARGE THE AFGHANS A PRICE LOWER THAN THE WORLD PRICE WITHOUT BEING ASSAULTED BY A MYRIAD OTHER CUSTOMERS FOR SIMILAR FAVORABLE TREATMENT.

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